

configuration is complementary to and cooperable with the stairstep configuration of the edge 26 when the package is folded and comprises a pair of walls 74 and 78 connected by way of a pair of walls 76 and 80. As illustrated in FIG. 3, the wall 36 engages the wall 76 and the wall 32 engages the wall 80 when the package is folded into a closed condition.

The peripheral edge 72 further comprises a pair of recesses 86 and 88 for receiving the projections 42, 44 and 46 when the package is in the closed condition. In addition, the peripheral edge 72 comprises a pair of further recesses 82 and 84 for receiving the latch projections 38 and 40 of the storage section 12. This is best illustrated in FIG. 6 which is a sectional view through either of the combinations 38, 82 or 40, 84, and assumes the latter combination. As seen in FIG. 6, the latches comprise resilient bypassing hooks having oblique hook walls 106, 108 which flex, bypass and latch the package.

Referring again to FIGS. 1 and 2, the storage section 14, as mentioned above, is provided for related printed material. This printed material may be printed directly on the base 18 and viewed through the clear sheet 70 as indicated at 90. Also, a separate printed sheet 92 may be provided and inserted behind the sheet 70 and viewed therethrough. If the related material is more involved, it may take the form of a booklet, as indicated in FIG. 2, having a back cover 98 which is received through the slot 94 in the sheet 70, or a corner of the cover may be inserted through a slot 96. In either case, pilferage is deterred by, for example, gluing the cover 98 to the base 18, as indicated at 100 in FIG. 2.

The molded sheet 24 comprises a peripheral flange 102 and the molded sheet 70 comprises a peripheral flange 104. The molded sheets 24 and 70 may therefore be sealed to the base 18, preferably by RF welding.

Although I have described my invention by reference to a particular illustrative embodiment thereof, many changes and modifications of the invention may become apparent to those skilled in the art without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention. I therefore intend to include within the patent warranted hereon all such changes and modifications as may reasonably and properly be included within the scope of my contribution to the art.

I claim:

1. A software package comprising:

a base including a first section, a second section and a hinge between said first and second sections;

a software structure carried on said first section and software-related material carried on said second section;

first pocket means covering said software structure and including a peripheral flange sealed to said first section of said base to define a first storage section, and frangible access means for access to said software structure, said first pocket means further comprising a molded sheet including a pocket shaped to receive said software structure, and said frangible access means comprising a flap defined by frangible scores in said molded sheet and including

a bubble in said molded sheet having an aperture therethrough;

second pocket means covering said software related material and including a peripheral flange sealed to said second section of said base to define a second storage section; and

first and second cooperable latch means carried by said first and second storage sections, respectively, for releasably latching said storage sections together with said first and second pocket means pivoted towards one another.

2. The software package of claim 1, wherein:

said hinge comprises a pair of parallel embossments in said base adjacent said sealed peripheral flanges.

3. The software package of claim 1, wherein:

said base comprises a radio frequency weldable material; and

said first and second pocket means comprise radio frequency weldable material welded to said base at their respective peripheral flanges.

4. The software package of claim 3, wherein:

said base comprises a polyvinylchloride coated paperboard; and

said first and second pocket means comprise polyvinylchloride material.

5. The software package of claim 1, wherein:

said first and second pocket means each comprise a shaped peripheral projection extending away from said base and complementary to one another for mating in the closed condition of said package.

6. The software package of claim 5, wherein:

each of said shaped peripheral projections comprises walls defining a stairstep structure.

7. The software package of claim 1, wherein:

said software related information comprises indicia on said base; and

said second pocket means comprises a transparent section for viewing said indicia.

8. The software package of claim 1, wherein:

said software-related material comprises a sheet of printed matter; and

said second pocket means comprises a transparent section for viewing said printed matter.

9. The software package of claim 1, wherein:

said software-related material comprises a booklet including a rear cover; and

said second pocket means comprises a slot for receiving at least a portion of said rear cover therethrough to engage said second section of said base.

10. The software package of claim 9, wherein:

said second storage section comprises glue attaching said rear cover to said first section of said base.

11. The software package of claim 1, wherein:

said first latch means comprises first hook means;

said second latch means comprises second hook means for releasably engaging said first hook means; and

at least one of said hook means comprises resilient material for yieldably bypassing of said first and second latch means.

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